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YEAR OF OPPORTUNITIES: APPLY NOW FOR THE CCC

From outdoor work and job skills to career opportunities, education and adventure – all this is part of the year offered to young men and women in the California Conservation Corps.

Many former corpsmembers look back on the CCC experience as the best year of their lives. There are openings now throughout the state.

Corpsmembers typically devote their days to natural resource projects such as landscaping parks, building trails and improving fish and wildlife habitat. They also serve as an emergency response force; CCC crews have been dispatched to dozens of wildfires this summer. In June corpsmembers from throughout the state filled thousands of sandbags and laid miles of protective plastic following a levee break in the San Joaquin Delta.

No experience is necessary for the CCC and corpsmembers are hired for a guaranteed 40-hour week. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 23.

While in the Corps, participants receive a paycheck as well as an opportunity to earn up to \$2,000 in scholarship money to further their education. Corpsmembers earn their high school diplomas and college credits in the program.

The CCC has more than two dozen residential centers and nonresidential locations throughout California. The residential sites have dorms and dining halls; those who choose these locations pay \$300 per month for room and board.

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More than 95,000 young men and women have now been a part of the Corps, including the sons and daughters of some of the earlier corpsmembers. CCC alumni have gone on to become firefighters, park rangers, teachers, members of law enforcement, small business owners and more.

The CCC hires new corpsmembers year-round. For more information on joining, call toll-free, 1-800-952-JOBS (5627), or visit the Corps' Web site: www.ccc.ca.gov.

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